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FOR SIMONS FROM ANDREWS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. VLAD GEORGESCU. VLAD TELEPHONED THE WOODROW WILSON CENTER JULY 6 TO SAY THAT HE IS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT GETTING PERMISSION TO COME UNLESS MAXIMUM EFFORTS ARE MADE ON HIS BEHALF. HE ASKED WILLIAM DUNN AT THE CENTER (BILLINGTON IS ON VACATION) TO SEND A LETTER IN HIS BEHALF TO THE ROMANIAN ACADEMY. VLAD SAID THAT HE HIMSELF IS WRITING TO BRZEZINSKI. WITH AMBASSADOR NICOLAE BACK IN BUCHAREST FOR A CC MEETING AND POSSIBLY FOR LEAVE, THERE DOES NOT SEEM MUCH WE CAN DO AT THIS END. WE SUGGEST YOU TRY TO LOCATE NICOLAE AND SOUND HIM OUT ON THE SITUATION, BEARING IN MIND THAT HE TOOK A CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC LINE WITH BILLINGTON. BEYOND THAT, WE LOOK FOR YOUR ADVICE ON WHAT TO DO NEXT. SPECIFICALLY, WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THAT THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE WOODROW WILSON CENTER WRITE SOMEONE

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ON VLAD'S BEHALF? IF SO, TO WHOM?

2. DR. SZASZ. DR. Z. MICHAEL SZASZ TOLD INTS THAT HE HAS FINALLY RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM THE GOR TO CONDUCT A MAJOR STUDY OF ROMANIA'S HUNGARIAN AND GERMAN MINORITIES. FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY INSTITUTE, HE EXPECTS

TO ARRIVE IN BUCHAREST AUGUST 10 AND DEPART SEPTEMBER 25. HE PLANS TO VISIT ALL THE MAJOR AREAS WITH ETHNIC HUNGARIAN AND GERMAN POPULATIONS. HE WILL CALL AT THE EMBASSY BOTH AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF HIS ROMANIAN ITINERARY TO SHARE HIS IMPRESSIONS AND VIEWS. SZASZ SAID HE INTENDS TO POINT UP BOTH THE GOOD AND BAD ASPECTS OF ROMANIAN MINORITY POLICY, MUCH AS HE DID IN HIS PIECE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY IN TRANSYLVANIA FOR THE EAST EUROPEAN QUARTERLY, COPY OF WHICH WAS POUCHED TO YOU. AS YOU KNOW, SZASZ IS NO LONGER WITH THE AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN FEDERATION AND IN FACT WE RECALL THAT HIS PREVIOUS VISIT TO BUCHAREST WAS ON BUSINESS, NOT RESEARCH. VANCE

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